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SITUATION REPORT NO. 24

SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS OF 0600 (EDT), JULY 28

GENEVA FOR BUFFUM

MILITARY SITUATION IN CYPRUS: PRESIDENT CLERIDES TELE-
PHONED AMBASSADOR DAVIS TO COMPLAIN THAT, ACCORDING TO THE
NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDER, TURKISH LANDING OPERATIONS CON-
TINUE AT KYRENIA. HE SAID TEN SHIPS AND THIRTY HELICOPTERS

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WERE UNLOADING SOLDIERS AND EQUIPMENT -- THIS MORNING

(28 JULY) AT 0300 EDT. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE TURKS WERE FIRING ON AYOS GEORGIOS AND PUSHING WEST ON THE NORTH COAST ROAD FROM KARAVAS TOWARD LAPITHOS. IN ADDITION, HE SAID THERE WAS FIRING AT SISKLIPOS AND ERMOLAOS, BUT THAT THIS WAS THE NATIONAL GUARDS' FAULT SINCE THEY HAD RE-OCCUPIED THESE GREEK TOWNS AFTER THE TURKS HAD MOVED ON.

2. ACCORDING TO UNFICYP, FIGHTING DURING THE NIGHT WAS CONFINED TO THE KOUTSOVENDIS AND AYIOS KHRYSOSTOMAS AREAS, BOTH REPORTED IN TURKISH HANDS. THIS MORNING, NICOSIA WAS REPORTED TO BE ABSOLUTELY QUIET, WITHOUT EVEN THE SOUND OF OCCASIONAL GUNFIRE.

3. ATHENS: GREEK PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS INFORMED THE GREEK ARMY LEADERSHIP YESTERDAY THAT THE POLITICAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT EXPECT ARMED FORCES INTERVENTION IN NON-MILITARY MATTERS, THAT THERE WILL BE NO "MOB RULE" OR REVENGE AGAINST THE MILITARY, AND THAT VISIBLE PROGRESS IS EXPECTED AT GENEVA.

4. THIS NOTICE WAS REPORTEDLY WELL-RECEIVED BY SENIOR GREEK ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL, WHO WILL HOPEFULLY USE THESE ASSURANCES TO FORESTALL ANY "PREVENTIVE REACTION" ON THE PART OF JUNIOR OFFICERS WHO FEAR THAT ANDREAS PAPANDREOU AND OTHER EXILES WILL CALL FOR RETRIBUTION ON THEM.

5. GENEVA: THE TURKISH DELEGATION TO GENEVA HAS AGREED TO A CEASEFIRE WHICH INCLUDED THE STIPULATION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER REINFORCEMENTS ON CYPRUS, THUS AVERTING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GREEK DELEGATION WOULD HAVE HAD TO CARRY OUT ITS THREATS TO BREAK OFF NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS A CEASEFIRE WERE AGREED UPON. THE GREEKS GAVE WAY ON THEIR INSISTENCE TO AVOID DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE SHAPE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AND AN AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ZONE WITHIN A FEDERALIZED REGIME. THE GREEK POSITION THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS WAS LEGAL PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS HAD TO BE MAINTAINED. FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS SAID THE TRIPARTITE FORUM WAS PREFERABLE TO A DEADLOCK WHICH COULD OPEN THE PROBLEM TO INTERNATIONAL DEBATE, AND THEREFORE HE WAS WILLING TO COMPROMISE TO SAVE THE TALKS. THE SOVIET UNION HAS TOLD THE
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GREEKS IT IS PLANNING TO SEND AN OBSERVER TO THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. (EXDIS)

6. SECURITY COUNCIL UN: THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL MET AT 3:30 PM YESTERDAY TO GIVE CYPRUS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ROSSIDES A HEARING, DESPITE MEMBERS' RESENTMENT AT BEING FORCED INTO A "POINTLESS AND EVEN POLITICALLY DANGEROUS MEETING."

7 REPRESENTATIVE ROSSIDES RECITED A LIST OF TURKISH CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AND CLAIMED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAD THE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING PEACE AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT DELEGATE THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE NEGOTIATORS IN GENEVA.

8. APPARENTLY SPEAKING FOR HOME CONSUMPTION, NEWLY-ARRIVED GREEK PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE KARAGIANNIS STATED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL COULD NOT EVADE ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO REPRIMAND THE TURKS FOR HAVING IGNORED SECURITY COUNCIL DEMANDS.

9. TURKISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OLCAY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT, GIVEN THE PROGRESS IN GENEVA, IT WAS ABSURD TO TRADE RECRIMINATIONS IN NEW YORK, AND ASSUMED THAT ROSSIDES HAD CALLED THE MEETING ON THE ORDERS OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, WHOSE "YEARS OF MEGALOMANIAC POLICY" HAD BROUGHT ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION.

10. SOVIET PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE SAFRONCHUK CONTINUED TO WALK THE FENCE BETWEEN SUPPORTING MAKARIOS AND NOT OFFENDING THE TURKS. HE CALLED FOR AN END TO FOREIGN INTERVENTION (NAMING NO NAMES) AND DEPLORED THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS WAS UNABLE TO EXERCISE HIS CONSTITUTIONAL FUNCTIONS.

11. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT NOTED THAT THE IMPROVED SITUATION ON CYPRUS AND POSITIVE NEWS FROM GENEVA MADE FURTHER RECRIMINATIONS UNTIMELY, AND CONCLUDED THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AHEAD TOWARD A POLITICAL SOLUTION.

12. SOVIET UNION: ACCORDING TO A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE
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FORMER CYPRUS GOVERNMENT, A SOVIET DIPLOMAT IN CYPRUS SAYS THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN BLOC NATIONS SUPPORT PRESIDENT CLERIDES BUT ONLY WITH THE FIRM UNDERSTANDING THAT HE IS "ACTING PRESIDENT", AND THAT HE WILL WORK TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS' RETURN. THEY BELIEVE CLERIDES INTENDS TO CALL FOR ELECTIONS AFTER THE 45-DAY WAITING PERIOD, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL BE REGARDED BY VOTERS AS "THE MAN WHO CAN SAVE CYPRUS." THE SOVIETS ALSO BELIEVE THAT TURKEY WILL NOT RELINQUISH CURRENTLY-HELD TERRITORY AND THAT FEDERATION APPEARS TO BE THE ONLY SOLUTION. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SOVIETS DOUBT MAKARIOS WOULD RETURN. (NOFORN). INGERSOLL

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